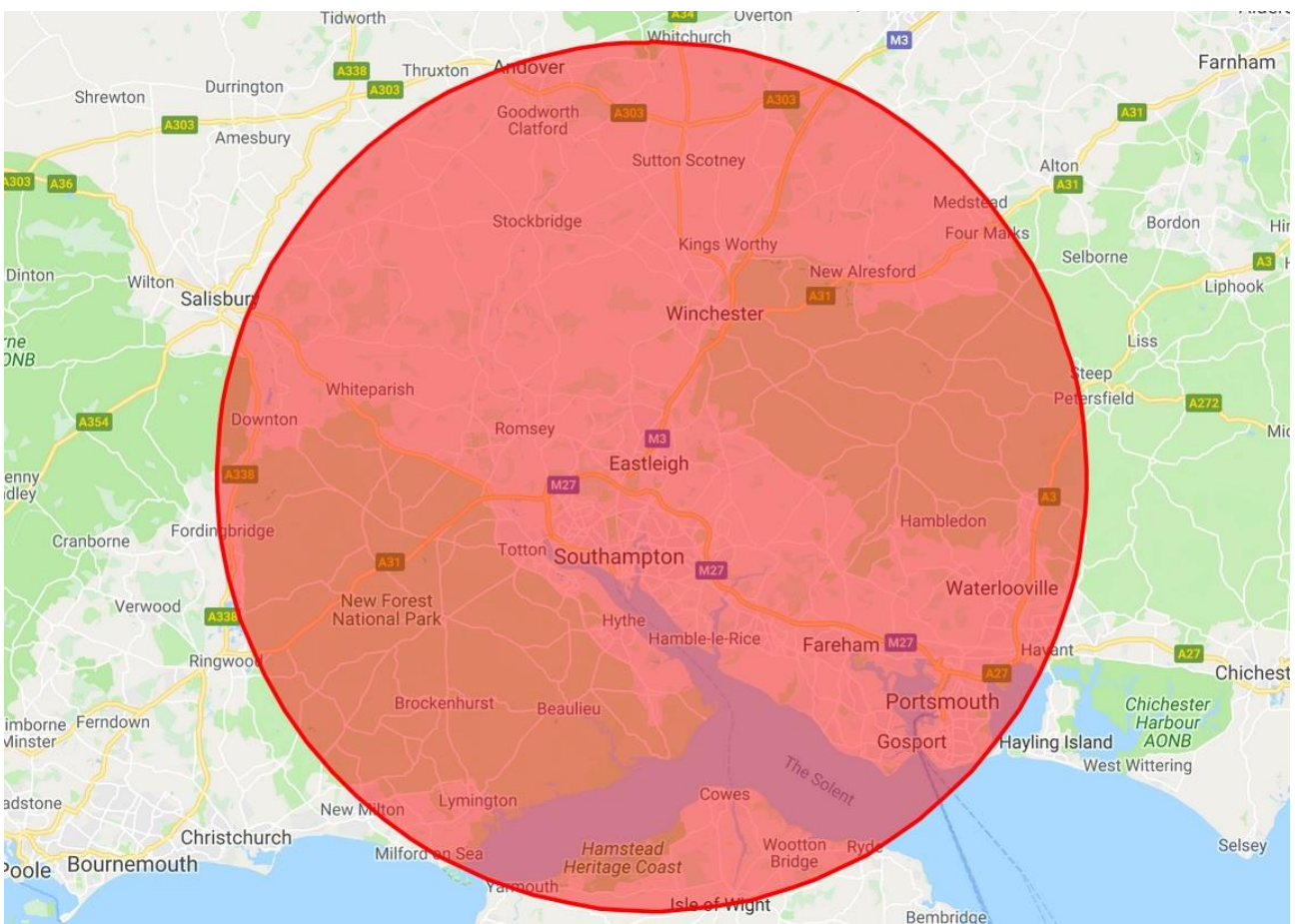




AS WELL AS FARNBOROUGH, NOW SOUTHAMPTON

In addition to the proposed change to the airspace around Farnborough, there is a long list of other planned changes to the airspace in the UK which will affect both general aviation and people on the ground.

On 5 February, Southampton Airport stated on the CAA's website (<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?PID=115>) that it was submitting an airspace change proposal (ACP) to expand its airspace. At an assessment meeting held at the Hilton Hotel, Gatwick Airport on 22 January 2019, Southampton stated that new routes would overfly some new communities, not currently regularly overflown. It also stated that there is work ongoing as part of the airport's master plan to consult with local communities including parish councils. The area concerned is shown below in the diagram issued by the airport.



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The proposed change to Southampton's airspace is one of fifteen ACPs under a plan (entitled the Future Airspace Strategy Implementation South: FASI South) that are expected for consultation in the near future. Some of these will affect airspace below 7000ft.

We recognise that there is a need to reduce delay and to save fuel. However, it is important that any new controlled areas are designed to be safe for all users of British airspace and to use this valuable national resource as efficiently as possible. At present there is a risk that an uncoordinated patchwork of airspace will be left for general aviation with numerous pinch-points that will increase the risk of collisions. People living in previously quiet areas of the country may also be in for surprises.

As previously reported Lasham Gliding Society has been granted leave for a judicial review against the CAA in relation to its decision to approve Farnborough Airfield's airspace change proposal. The hearing has now been scheduled in the High Court to commence on 5 June 2019.

Lasham Gliding Society and other aviation bodies oppose Farnborough's proposal because it would create an inefficient and disproportionately large amount of controlled airspace that would have a significant and negative impact on safety, and on the Society's operations and financial health. With the Southampton airspace and more in the offing, winning this judicial review is more important than ever to ensure that the needs of General Aviation are properly considered.

To help fight this case, Lasham has set up a campaign fund and asks all to contribute. Lasham would like to thank all those who have already donated, both pilots and local residents. The target for the fund is £100,000 and so far, £68,000 has been raised. For details click on <https://www.lashamgliding.com/pages/airspace-campaign>

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